

# **1987** **MINUTES**

OF THE  
NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

## ***GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION***

OF THE  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
HELD WITH  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1987

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MODERATOR ..... Dr. Billy Sharpston  
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CLERK ..... Rev. Charles McNeese  
ASSISTANT CLERK ..... Rev. John Amburgey  
TREASURER ..... Brother Leonard Graham  
ASSISTANT TREASURER ..... Brother Jerry Dunaway

### Dates and places to remember

1st Quarterly Session January 9, 1988-----White Oaks  
 2nd Quarterly Session April 9, 1988-----Wilson Chapel  
 3rd Quarterly Session July 9, 1988-----Bay Springs  
 Annual Session October 8, 1988-----Bethlehem

Sunday School Convention September 10, 1988-----First Church Eastman

Camp Meeting October 3-7 1988-----Cross Roads

Woman's Auxiliary September 17, 1988-----White Oaks

### Recommended Order Of Church Business Meeting

1. Call to order by Moderator
2. Open meeting with Prayer
3. Invite visiting Brethren to sit
4. Read and adopt minutes of last meeting
5. Call for acknowledgements in matters of dealing
6. Report of Deacons
7. Report of Committees
8. Unfinished Business
9. Miscellaneous Business
10. New Business
11. Appointment of Committees
12. Adjourn

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# First Quarter Session

The first session of the Georgia Union Association met on January 10, 1987 at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church at Empire, GA. Singing was led by Rev. Jack Lysaker with Rev. Robert Styles praying the opening prayer.

Welcome was given by host pastor Rev. Elbert Powell. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Paul Smith using Acts 2:41-47 as his text.

M/S/C to adopt program with necessary changes.

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by clerk.

Roll call of Ministers by clerk found there were 15 of 25 present.

The Moderator welcomed visitors from other Associations. Moderator appointed Sis. Bessie Bryant and Sis. Willie Ruth Rogers to serve on Finance Committee.

Recommendations of the Executive Board were read by Clerk.

M/S/C to table items 3-8 of the Executive Board recommendations which reads as follows:

3. Recommend to change item 10 of the by-laws to read as follows: Excess funds from this Association after all expenses have been paid and a reasonable balance maintained, shall be distributed equally between the Georgia Union Mission and Christian Education Boards.
4. Recommend to change Article I Section 2 of the Constitution to read as follows: This Association and its member churches adopt the Treaties of faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
5. Recommend to change Article II Section 2 of the Constitution (the last sentence) to read as follows: The applicant church or mission must conform to the faith and practices and adopt the doctrines established by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and any further requirements established by this Association.
6. Recommend to change Article II Section 2 of the Constitution to read as follows: The Executive Board shall investigate and submit their recommendation to this Association before any church or mission can be accepted into this body.
7. Recommend to change Article III Section 4 of the Constitution (the first sentence) to read as follows: The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds as directed by this Association.
8. Recommend to change Article III Section 6 of the Constitution to read as follows: The Executive Committee shall be reimbursed for all special and called meetings they attend at the rate of \$.20 per mile.

M/S/C to receive recommendation item 1 for Rev. John Amburgey to serve as Camp Director this year.

M/S/C to receive recommendation item 2 to give the Georgia Union Mission Board authority to sell the "old" Perry Church building and property.

Moderator shared some information with us concerning Target 90 for Rev. Herbert Waid who was unable to attend.

After break we reassembled for the morning message. Rev. Jack Lysaker led in "I am resolved". Rev. Robert Styles led in prayer. Rev. Jack Lysaker rendered the special "I should have been crucified". Rev. Charles McNeese took the thought from Romans 1:1-16 "Bond Servants for Christ".

Rev. Elbert Powell gave instructions about the noon meal. Rev. John Amburgey offered blessing on the noon meal.

#### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began with singing led by Bro. Wayne Moore with Rev. Howard Faircloth leading in prayer.

Rev. Tony Howell gave a report on the progress of the Little Bethel Church. He thanked the Georgia Union Association and everyone that gave to help to rebuild the Church that burned.

M/S/C to appoint Rev. Charles McNeese chairman of the Camp Meeting Committee to replace Rev. Wayne Wilson.

M/S/C to adopt Digest Committee report as listed below:

Offerings	\$87,317.15
Members received	18
Members lost	10
Members gained	8
Churches attending	16

Recommend all churches get uniform church letters to report to Association. Ask Association Clerk to get these letters to the Church Clerks. Submitted by Rev. Howard Faircloth and Bro. Donald Self.

Rev. David Young gave the Christian Education report. He said they had poor attendance the last Youth meeting. He said they want to bring in an outside speaker to gain more interest in the meetings.

Rev. James Bryant gave the Mission Board report on the Perry Mission.

M/S/C to adopt the recommendation of the Mission Board for the pastor of mission churches to use a monthly report form that gives the number of sermons, visits and general information so the Mission Board will have this information. For the Clerk to send a letter to the Pastor of the Perry Church regarding this requirement.

M/S/C for Clerk to send Rev. Leroy Lafferty a letter of appreciation for the work he performed on the Perry Church.

Rev. James Bryant reported from the State Board. He asked the Body present their feelings concerning the reversion clause.

M/S/C to keep the reversion clause, that if a Mission Church goes independent or to another denomination they will be required to give the Church or the money put in it by the Mission Board back to said Board.

Bro Sherman Jones gave the Mission Board treasurer's report.

Bro Jones suggested we have an audit report on the Mission board offerings and expenses of the Perry Mission.

The Mission board now has a \$ 25552.92 balance with all bills paid. Bro. Jones indicated there were ten churches contributing monthly.

M/S/C to accept Mission board treasurer's report.

M/S/C for the Moderator to appoint an auditing committee to report annually.

M/S/C to take items 3-8 off the table for discussion.

M/S/C to adopt item # 3, which is a change in item 10 of the by-laws as listed in morning session.

M/S/C to adopt item # 4 to change Article I Section 2 (see morning session).

M/S/C to adopt item # 5 to change Article II Section I (see morning session).

M/S/C to adopt item # 6 to change Article II Section 2 (see morning session).

M/S/C to adopt item # 7 to change Article III Section 4 (see morning session).

M/S/C to adopt item # 8 to change Article III Section 6 (see morning session).

Report of the Ordaining Council as follows:

Letter of good standing has been received for Rev. Charles McNeese from the West Tennessee Association.

M/S/C to receive recommendation that we accept Rev. Robert Styles of the Pleasant Hills Church into the Georgia Union Association pending a letter from the Greater St. Johns Association of Florida.

M/S/C to receive recommendation that we accept Rev. Paul Smith of the Double Branch Church into the Georgia Union Association. We have received a letter of good standing from his association.

M/S/C to receive recommendation that Rev. Hoyte Findley a member of the Warner Robbins Church, be reinstated as a preacher in the Georgia Union Association. -

Dr. Billy Sharpston gave us a report on the Evangelism Conference to be at the White Oak Church Feb. 6,7,8. He encouraged everyone to attend.

M/S/C to give host Church a rising vote of thanks for the fine meal and their great hospitality.

M/S/C for Executive Board to investigate the possibility of investing some of the benevolent money in the National retirement fund.

Rev. John Amburgey gave us a report on some needs of Camp Mt. Bethel.

M/S/C to accept the Camp-Meeting report as information.

Rev. David Young gave report from the Radio Committee. They had contacted two radio stations and hope to have a recommendation by next meeting.



M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's report as follows:

Balance in the Association fund	11/8/86	698.90
Received Association fees	1/10/87	495.00
Balance	1/10/87	1,193.90

Expenses:

J. & J. Printing	312.00
Association expense	73.00
	<u>385.00</u>

Balance after expenses	808.90
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Balance in Retirement fund	2,201.02
Received 1/10/87	105.00
Balance 1/10/87	2,306.02

Envangelism Conference fund	300.00
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Balance all funds	3,414.92
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Moderator gave time for announcements.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bill Amerson.

Moderator

*Billy Sharpston*  
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

*Charles McNeese*  
Rev. Charles McNeese

Second Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist met on April 11, 1987 with the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church at Chester, Georgia.

Dr. Billy Sharpston opened the session with Rev. Jack Lysaker leading the singing. Rev. Charles Hardeman led the opening prayer.

Rev. John Amburgey host pastor welcomed everyone.

The devotion was given by Bro. Jim Williams from the White Oak Church. He used Col. 3:10-14 as his text. Things we need to put on as his subject.

M/S/C to adopt program with necessary changes.

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by Clerk.

Roll call of ministers showed there were 18 of 26 present!

M/S/C to accept minutes as read by clerk.

M/S/C to adopt Executive Board report and adopt item by item.

M/S/C to adopt item 1 which read as follows: Recommend to add Article IX Section I titled, Status, to the Georgia Union Mission Board Constitution to read as follows: When the congregation has reached a stage where they desire to organize into a church, it shall request said status upon completion of an examination by the Georgia Union Association Executive Board using guidelines as set forth by the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist for mission churches.

M/S/C for churches to take out disability Insurance on their pastor's.

M/S/C to put some of the benevolent funds in the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

M/S/C to receive items 4,5,6 as information.

Our moderator appointed Bro. Jim Williams to serve on digest committee.

Dismissed for break.

After break we reassembled for the morning message. Rev. Jack Lysaker led us in "All that thrills my soul" with Bro. Donald Self leading in prayer. The Amburgey family from the Pine Level Church rendered the special in song. Rev. Robert Stiles brought the morning message using Eph. 5:16 and Romans 13:11-12 as his text. His subject asked the question, "What time is it?"

Rev. John Amburgey asked the blessing on the food.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker with Rev. Tim Hutchinson leading in prayer.

Rev. Jack Lysaker gave report from the Target 90 conference and challenged us to pray about reaching people.

Rev. Herbert Waid challenged us about the Target 90 Campaign. He also reported on some things coming up. The youth competition will be May 1,2 at Norman Park. The minister's retreat will be May 12-15 at Norman Park. He shared with us some information concerning the state office.

Rev. James Bryant gave the Mission Board report.

M/S/C to accept the Mission Board report as follows:  
 The monthly report from the Perry Mission showed there was an average attendance in Sunday School of 16 and in the morning services 21 with 12 in prayer service. They have 836.00 in the building fund. They are buying 14 new pews with the Mission board giving 2,200.00.

The state mission church report showed:

Morning service 18  
 Evening service 11  
 Prayer meeting 12  
 Sunday school 14

They have 19,968.18 in the building fund.

M/S/C to accept the Digest Committee report as follows:

Churches reporting 16  
 Members received 29  
 Members lost 14  
 Net gain 15  
 Baptisms 12  
 Offering 95,311.85

Rev. David Young gave the Christian Education Board report. The quarterly youth meeting will be at Pine Level May 9 at 10 O'clock. He reported that the last youth meeting at Double Branch was attended very well. They had 95 present. The August meeting will be at Double Branch. The November meeting will be at White Oaks. He encouraged us to promote camp that will be July 6-10.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education Board report as information.

M/S/C to receive the Ordaining Council recommendations and adopt item by item.

1. M/S/C to renew Rev. James Dixon license for one year.
2. M/S/C to give a letter of good standing to the Progressive Association of Alabama for Rev. Wayne Wilson.
3. M/S/C to place Rev. Roscoe Pitts of the Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on our honor roll upon a receipt of a letter of good standing from the Chatahootchee Association.

Rev. Herbert Waid shared with us information about "Pass the torch campaign". of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

M/S/C to give the Pine Level Church a rising vote of thanks for the good noon meal and hospitality.

Rev. James Bruce gave us a challenge on behalf of the Sunday School.

M/S/C to receive the treasurer's report as follows:

Bal. April 10, 1987 233.63  
 Received April 11, 1987 450.00

Disbursements April 11, 1987  
 Clerk fee & expense 51.54  
 White Oak Church printing 15.00  
 Moderator fee & extra  
 Evangelism Conference exp. 130.00  
 Total expense 196.54

Bal. general fund 487.09  
 Minister's fund Bal April 10, 1987 2,321.02  
 Received April 11, 1987 105.00  
 Bal. April 11, 1987 2,426.02  
 Bal. all funds 2,913.11

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. L.S. Anthony

Moderator Billy Sharpston  
 Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk Charles McNeese  
 Charles McNeese

### Third Quarterly Session

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptist met on July 11, 1987 with the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church at Vienna, Georgia.

Dr. Billy Sharpston opened the meeting with Rev. Jack Lysaker leading in the singing. Rev. Tony Howell led in prayer.

The welcome was given by host pastor Rev. Robert Stiles.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. James Dixon using I Cor. 3:1-4 as his text.

Moderator appointed Chuck Lysaker and Rev. Tim Hutchinson to serve on Digest Committee with Rev. Howard Faircloth.

He also appointed Bro. Lenard Graham Chairman, Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Gloria Johnson to serve on the Finance Committee.

M/S/C to adopt the program with necessary changes.

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by clerk.

Roll Call of Ministers showed there were 18 of 27 ministers present with one license minister.

Moderator recognized visitors from other associations.

M/S/C to accept minutes of last session as read by clerk.

Report read for "Licensing of Ministers" to be added to the by-laws on page 24 item seven.

M/S/C to table until afternoon session.

Moderator called for a short recess.

After the recess we gathered back for the morning message with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker. Rev. Tim Hutchinson led in prayer. Rev. Jack Lysaker rendered a special in song entitled "The Old Rugged Cross". Rev. L.S. Anthony preached using Ephesians 5:1-18 on the subject of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Several responded to the invitation.

Rev. David Young asked the blessing on the food.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began with singing led by Rev. Jack Lysaker.

M/S/C to accept the Mission Board report given by Rev. James Bryant as follows:

Pews are installed in Perry Free Will Baptist Mission.

Monthly attendance report:

Sunday School	12-16
Sunday Worship	18-20
Midweek Prayer	12

Bro. Bryant reports that the South Atlanta Church plans a \$200,000 building program.

M/S/C to accept Christian Education report given by Rev. David Young as follows:

Gave report on Bike-a-thon for Perry pews which raised \$240.00. Letter of appreciation was read from Perry Church.

Youth meeting tentatively scheduled for August 15 at Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church with Levy Corey.

Rev. John Amburgey gave camp report as follows:  
19 campers; 1 saved; several rededications. An appeal was made for more support next year.

M/S/C to receive Digest Committee report as follows:

Number of Churches	16
Members Added	14
Members Lost	28
Members Baptized	8
Total Offerings	73,394.78

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council's recommendation as follows:

Bro. James Dixon be ordained on Sunday August 16, 1987 at the Christian Hills Free Will Baptist Church at 2:45 PM.

M/S/C to take off the table the item "Licensing for Ministers". This by-laws addition is recommended by the Executive committee.

Numerous discussions incurred on the floor, pro and con. Motion made by Bro. Lenard Graham, second by Rev. James Bryant to table the recommendation, pray about it, think on it until the next quarterly session--carried.

M/S/C to accept treasurer's report as follows:

Bal. July 11, 1987	
Ministers Fund	441.02
Association Fund	286.45
Received today, July 11, 1987	
Ministers Fund	90.00
Association Fund	430.00

Disbursements July 11, 1987	
Moderator's Fee & Expense	35.00

Balance Association Fund July 11, 1987	681.45
Balance Ministers Fund July 11, 1987	531.02
Balance All Funds	1212.47

M/S/C to give Pleasant Hills Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting and preparing a good meal.

M/S/C to write a letter of appreciation to Salem Missionary Baptist Church for furnishing a place for Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church to worship while they rebuilt their structure that was destroyed by fire.

M/S/C to adjourn and was dismissed in prayer.

Moderator

*Billy Sharpston*  
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Asst. Clerk

*John Amburgey*  
John Amburgey



## Annual Session

The annual meeting of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Warner Robins, Georgia.

Rev. Billy Sharpston brought the meeting to order. Rev. Jack Lysaker led in the opening song, "Just a little Talk with Jesus". Rev. James Bryant led in prayer. The welcome was given by host pastor Rev. James Bryant.

Rev. Hoyte Findley brought the morning devotion using Mark 14:37-38 as his text.

M/S/C to adopt program with necessary change.

M/S/C to seat delegates as read by Clerk.

Roll call of ministers showed there were 19 out of 27 ministers present.

Moderator recognized visitors from other associations.

Moderator appointed Sister Bessie Bryant and Sister Amy Meadows to serve with Brother Leonard Graham on the Finance Committee.

M/S/C to accept minutes as read by Clerk.

M/S/C to kill the recommendation that was tabled at the last session concerning "Licensing Ministers".

M/S/C to accept the Executive Board recommendation and table until the afternoon session.

M/S/C to table the matter Rev. James Bruce brought up concerning separating the Sunday School Convention from the Christian Education Board.

Moderator granted a short recess. After the recess Rev. Jack Lysaker led the congregation in singing, "Send the Light". Rev. Bill Amerson led in prayer. Rev. Paul Smith brought the morning message from Luke 6:12-19.

Rev. James Bryant gave instructions concerning the noon meal. We were dismissed in prayer and the blessing was given on the food.

## Afternoon Session

In the afternoon session Brother Wayne Moore led in singing The Glory Land Way. Rev. Tony Howell led in prayer.

M/S/C to accept the Mission Board report given by Rev. James Bryant as follows:

The Mission Board has spent some 25,000.00 on the Perry Mission.

There is presently 4,161.14 balance in the Mission Board treasury.

Rev. James Bryant asked the body if they agreed that it would be better if the Mission Board would buy the land before putting a man on the field. The majority agreed. Rev. Herbert Waid reported on the state work.

M/S/C to accept the Digest Committee report as follows:

Churches reporting	16
Members received	58
Members lost	65
Net loss	7

(This loss is due to the Dublin Church dropping 20 from their roll)

Offerings \$348,631.81

M/S/C to accept the Christian Education Board report as follows:

March 6 Youth rally

Double Branch was host to "Fast & Furious Fun Night" approximately 90 people attended.

May 2 Youth rally

Pine Level was host to "Bike-a-Thon" to raise money for Perry Mission pews. There were 4 churches involved in this event that raised 240.00.

August 15 Youth rally

Double Branch was host church for Levy Corey and the "Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home". Eleven churches were present with 127 in attendance

September 12 Sunday School Convention

Double Branch hosted the Sunday School Convention sponsored by the Christian Education Board. There were 8 churches represented with 4 presenting programs.

The White Oak church will host our November 7 Youth rally.

## C.E. Board Treasury report:

Beginning Bal.	\$1,218.37
Georgia Union Association	150.00
Church gifts to S.S. Convention	70.00
Bike-a-Thon	240.00
Sunday School Convention	123.38
	<u>1,801.75</u>

Activities expense

846.77

Bal. in Treasury

954.98

The C.E. Board held two called meeting, Jan. 24 and Feb. 1, 1987 to plan activities for the year.

Respectfully Submitted  
Harold Dunaway- Treasurer

Rev. James Bruce made motion to kill the motion he made in the morning session to separate the Sunday School Convention from the Christian Education Board, second and carried.

M/S/C to accept Ordaining Council's recommendation to license Bro. Jeff Calhoun for one year.

M/S/C to take off the table the recommendation of the Executive Board on "Licensing Ministers".

It is recommended by the Executive Board and the Ordaining Council to add as item 6, page 24 of the 1986 minutes of the Georgia Union Association "Rules for Licensing Ministers", this statement to read as follows;

6. Upon receipt of a ministers license, which is renewable annually, it is recommended that each licensee complete the following items which is to be considered a part of the examining criteria as indicated in paragraph 2:

A. Read The Preacher and His Preaching and Faith

for Today by O'Donnell, provided by the association.  
B. Read A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists... with current revisions.

C. Be prepared to discuss personal habits and concern for:

1. Church and Personal Visitation
2. Soul Winning efforts and results
3. Personal Bible Study
4. Sermon Preparation.

2. It is recommended that the association buy and retain five sets of the above mention books to give to license ministers.

M/S/C that this recommendation be adopted.

M/S/C to accept the Treasurer report as follows:

Bal. October 10, 1987	
Association Fund	578.15
Retirement Fund	476.02
Total	1,054.17
Received today October 10, 1987	
Association Fund	440.00
Ministers Fund	105.05
National Association Fees	110.00
Sub Total	1,709.17

Expenses today	57.50
Total all Funds	1,651.67
Association Fund	960.55
Ministers Fund	581.02
National Association Fees	110.00

M/S/C to buy 300 minutes.

M/S/C to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the fine meal.

The following were elected to office:

Executive Board member at large Bro. Emmett Dunaway

Trustee Board

Bro. J.F. Register

Ordaining Council

Rev. Robert Stiles

Digest Committee

Bro. Donald Self

Mission Board

Rev. Jeff Calhoun  
Bro. Wayne Moore  
Rev. Kary Shumate

Christian Education Board

Rev. Paul Smith  
Bro. Marvin Joiner  
Rev. Tim Hutchinson

Rev. James Bruce  
Rev. Jeff Calhoun  
Bro. Philip Laney

Nomination Committee

Rev. James Bruce  
Rev. Hoyte Findley  
Rev. Jack Lysaker

State C.E. Board

Bro. Sherman Jones

State Camp Board

Rev. John Amburgey

The Moderator appointed Sister Shirley Sharpston, Sister Bessie Bryant, Sister Loretta Stiles, Sister Mary Dunaway and Sister Viola Hunt to serve as state delegates.

M/S/C to adjourn.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Herbert Waid.

Moderator

Billy Sharpston  
Dr. Billy Sharpston

Clerk

Charles McNeese  
Charles McNeese

Church	Organized	Pastor	Clerk
Bay Springs	1884	Rev. Howard Faircloth	Hollis Smith 912-374-2143 Rt. 5, Box 504 Eastman, GA 31023
Bethlehem	1917		Mrs. Jack Calhoun 912-273-3947 Rt. 1, Box 102A Cordele, GA 31015
Christian Hill	1887	Rev. James Dixon	Mary Frances Brown 912-365-7488 Rt. 1 Abbeville, GA 31001
Cross Road	1910	Rev. Charles McNeese	Willie Ruth Rogers 912-934-2532 Rt. 3 Cochran, GA 31014
Double Branch	1896	Rev. Paul Smith	Mrs. H. E. Dunaway 912-892-9388 Rt. 1, Box 77 Unadilla, GA 31091
Dublin Mission	1966	Rev. Jack Lysaker	Sue R. Lindsey 912-358-4860 P. O. Box 1882 Dublin, GA 31040
First Eastman	1961	Rev. Robert Stiles	Janice Beck 912-374-7190 Rt. 2, Box 22 Eastman, GA 31023
Little Bethel	1915	Rev. Hoyte Findley	Tommy Parker 912-934-6048 Rt. 3 Cochran, GA 31014
Mt. Ararat	1885	Rev. Elbert Powell	Ila Mae Johnson 912-374-3031 Rt. 3, Box 110 Eastman, GA 31023
New Hope	1967	Rev. Tony Howell	Myrtle Howell 912-934-6870 Rt. 5 Cochran, GA 31014
Perry Mission	1974	Rev. Leroy Lafferty	Julia M. Greer 912-987-0856 705 Pine Ridge St. Perry, GA 31069
Pine Level	1924	Rev. John Amburgey	Monice Moore 912-374-3217 Rt. 6, Box 195 Eastman, GA 31023
Pleasant Hill	1898		Viola Hunt 912-273-3081 713 13th Ave. E Cordele, GA 31015
Warner Robins	1964	Rev. James Bryant	Bessie Mae Bryant 912-929-0491 214 Brady Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088
White Oak	1953	Dr. Billy Sharpston	Margie Collins 912-788-8530 1567 Hurley Circle Macon, GA 31206
Wilson Chapel	1960	Rev. L.S. Anthony	Robert B. Clark 404-647-2489 Ellerbee Town Rd. Thomaston, GA 30286

Members		Total	Sunday School	CTS	Income	Assoc. Dues
Rec'd	Lost					
3	2	79	36	No	\$11,346.00	\$25.00
3	3	73	44	No	\$19,521.00	\$25.00
4	2	89	0	No	\$ 7,079.77	
1	0	44	57	18	\$26,090.49	\$25.00
2	6	123	80	50	\$47,838.08	\$35.00
6	20	35	31	25	\$13,470.71	\$20.00
2	9	81	39	No	\$19,030.51	\$35.00
6	0	125	0	No	\$29,368.86	\$35.00
0	0	55	33	24	\$ 2,780.27	\$20.00
1	2	45	30	No	\$12,610.92	\$20.00
0	0	29	17	No	\$ 2,501.94	\$15.00
3	1	74	48	45	\$24,860.94	\$35.00
5	3	107	45	30	\$22,288.24	\$35.00
0	0	25	20	No	\$ 3,700.00	\$15.00
26	8	214	120	35	\$73,008.36	\$55.00
3	9	67	29	9	\$ 9,631.53	\$35.00

# GEORGIA UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Georgia Union Sunday School Convention was held at Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church on September 12, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. Special music was provided by Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church. The welcome was given by Rev. Paul Smith. Rev. John Amburgey presented the devotion and prayer was offered by Dr. Billy Sharpston.

Bro. Bruce appointed the following as program judges: Gary Rucker, Bill Wayne Atkins, Freda Hodges, Shirley Jones and Willie Ruth Rogers. The nominating committee was appointed as follows: Howard Faircloth, Dick Jones and Charles Hardeman.

The programs were presented as follows: Little Bethel and Double Branch. An offering was received and Rev. Robert Stiles brought the morning message. The convention was dismissed for the noon meal.

The convention reconvened with special music by Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church. The programs continued with Pine Level and Bethlehem presenting their programs.

The business session was opened in prayer by Rev. Charles McNease. The minutes and treasurers report was read and adopted. Bro. Bruce read the nominating report which was as follows: Pres. - Rev. Edward Bruce, Vice-Pres. - Jeffrey Calhoun, and Sec. - Treas. - Wayne Moore. The attendance banner was presented to Bay Springs Free Will Baptist Church. The program plaque was presented to Double Branch Church winning first place and Pine Level winning second place. M/S/C to have the next convention at First Eastman. M/S/C to adjourn. Eight churches were represented with four presenting programs.

*Harold Dunaway*

# GEORGIA UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Ga. Union District Woman's Auxiliary met September 19, 1987 at Pleasant Hill Church. The theme being, "Them Also I Must Bring." The Scripture going along with this is John 10:16.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Shirley Sharpston. Viola Hunt gave the welcome. The devotion was brought by Susan Hutchinson from Dublin Church. She pointed out that we are not to be a respecter of persons as we spread the gospel. It is our job to go and tell others about Him. Her Scripture was from Acts 10:13, 28, Romans 10:12-13, and John 10:16.

The business session was opened, we welcomed two auxiliaries into our district. They are Dublin and Wilson's Chapel. We also had one auxiliary visiting, First Eastman. The committees were appointed as follows: Credentials: Nita Hobbs, Eudine Pitts, Doris Evans. Finance: Bessie Simmons, Susan Hutchinson, June Mercer. Resolutions: Mary Holden Dunaway, Kathy Douglas, Gail Ray.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. There was no old business. New business was the mention of a letter from Ga. State President Martha Everson. She reminded us of the State meeting to be held on November 11-12. She also asked that each auxiliary send \$15 to the State meeting by Oct. 15 to help cover expenses. Delegates to the State meeting are as follows: Bessie Simmons, Viola Hunt, Stella Ray, Gail Ray, Stella Horne, Myrtis Langford, Kathy Douglas, Virginia Clark, Eudine Pitts, and Mary Dunaway.

A report on Sr. Citizens Day was given by Loretta Stiles. The song, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" was sung. An offering of \$41.73 was taken. Our special music was brought by Betty Williams, she sang, "Then Jesus Came." Our program for the day was viewing a film of Debbie Griffin taken as she arrived in Japan last year. We saw several events of the first weeks as she got settled in her apartment. We also saw a Christmas worship service in a Japanese Free Will Baptist Church. We watched as they visited a Buddhist temple and some of the Japanese culture. After this we adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session began with the song, "Make Me A Channel of Blessing." Prayer was led by Eudine Pitts. Reports were given by Mission Action Chrm. Stella Ray, Mission Prayer Chrm. Viola Hunt, and Mission Study Chrm. Kathy Douglas. They all gave us some good ideas that we could use in our local auxiliaries. Committees reported as follows: Credentials: 6 Churches present, 50 members on roll, 4 visitors, 8 average attendance. Resolutions: That we accept the resolutions of the 1987 WNAC Convention. That we send \$15 from each auxiliary to the State Convention for expenses. Finance: Balance in treasury \$61.86. We voted to send \$50 to Debbie Griffin's Acct.

Discussion of the District, State, and Nat's retreats was held.

Our next meeting will be Sat., Sept. 17, 1988 at White Oaks Church.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church. M/S/C to adjourn. The meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Hobbs, Ga. Union Dist. Sec.

GEORGIA UNION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

1986-1987

Balance 10-1-1986	\$ 56.63
Income	
Pre-Thanksgiving (Burns' Acct.)	45.30
Pre-Easter (Crowson & Griffin Accts.)	64.50
State Project	370.00
Crowson Acct.	460.00
Griffin Acct.	60.00
Printing Nat's Minutes	2.00
Student Loan Fund	36.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	12.00
WNAC	24.00
WNAC Emphasis Month	45.00
Membership Fee	92.00
Eunice Edwards Fund	74.00
District Meeting Offering (9-19-87)	41.73
Registration Fee	6.00
	<u>\$1,389.16</u>
Sent to State	
Pre-Thanksgiving (Burns' Acct.)	\$ 45.30
Pre-Easter (Crowson & Griffin Accts.)	64.50
State Project	370.00
Crowson Acct.	460.00
Griffin Acct.	60.00
Eunice Edwards Fund	74.00
Student Loan Fund	36.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	12.00
WNAC	24.00
WNAC Emphasis Month	45.00
Membership Fee (46 Members)	80.50
Printing Nat'l Minutes	2.00
Debbie Griffin (District Meeting)	50.00
Total	<u>\$1,323.30</u>
Paid White Oaks (Printing Dist. Programs)	4.00
Total	<u>\$1,327.30</u>
Balance	\$ 61.86
Money Sent Direct	
Walk-a-Thon (Burns' Acct.)	\$ 50.00
Save-a-Life	70.80
Pre-Easter	25.00
State Project	120.00
Co-Laborer	25.00
Debbie Griffin	60.00
Retired Ministers	10.00
Total	<u>\$ 360.80</u>
Auxiliary Supplies	302.03
Local Church Activities	421.93
Total	<u>\$ 723.96</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Bessie Simmons, Ga. Union Dist. Treas.

CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

(Revised, 1980, 1/81, 4/82, 10/87)

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as ~~The~~ Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 2. This association and its member churches adopt the Treatise of faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. Any well organized Free Will Baptist Church or Mission, conveniently located to the majority of the member churches, may apply for membership in this association. The applicant church or mission must conform to the faith and practices and adopt the doctrines established by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and any further requirements established by this association.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall investigate and submit their recommendation to this association before any church or mission can be accepted into this body.

Section 3. This association may discipline member churches or missions, if labor proves unsuccessful, by exclusion or withdrawing fellowship. However, in no case can this association reverse the church or missions decisions, NOR interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Section 4. A two-third majority vote of this body is required for acceptance or exclusion of any church or mission.

Section 5. Ministers, deacons, officers, committee and board members in good standing shall be standing delegates to this association and shall duly attend.

Section 6. Each church or mission shall be entitled to the following delegates with full voting privileges:

50 members or below - 3 delegates  
over 50 members - 3 delegates plus 2 for each 50 members or fraction thereof.

Section 7. The association fee for each meeting shall be:

Members	Fee	Members	Fee
1 - 25	\$15.00	151 - 175	\$45.00
26 - 50	20.00	176 - 200	50.00
51 - 75	25.00	201 - 225	55.00
76 - 100	30.00	226 - 250	60.00
101 - 125	35.00	Over 250	(\$60 Plus \$5 for every 25 members)
126 - 150	40.00		



### ARTICLE III

Section 1. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, a clerk, assistant clerk, a treasurer, and assistant treasurer. They shall serve two year terms, with tenure beginning immediately at the close of the October session.

Section 2. The moderator shall preside over each association meeting according to established parliamentary usage. It shall be his duty to see that all business is carried on in a way pleasing to God. The moderator is chairman of the executive board and shall call this board into session as needed. The moderator is an ex-officio member of all committees and board as needed. He shall be the official representative of this association.

Section 3. The clerk shall keep accurate minutes of each association and executive board meeting. He shall prepare the minutes for publication and see that they are printed and available for distribution at the January session. He is responsible for the correspondence and records of this association.

Section 4. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds as directed by this association. He shall be chairman of the Finance Committee and will submit a financial report to this body during each session.

Section 5. The assistants to the above officers shall serve in the full capacity of the office when the elected officer is absent or unable to serve.

Section 6. The executive committee shall be reimbursed for all special and called meetings they attend at the rate of \$.20 per mile.

### ARTICLE IV

Section 1. (A) The Executive Board shall consist of the Chairman of Trustee Board, Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Ordaining Council, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and one member elected at large. These above boards will meet immediately after the October session to elect a chairman and notify the clerk. The executive board is the official body of this association when not in session and is empowered to act on behalf of this assembly on matters that, in the judgement of this board, should not be delayed until the next session. The moderator shall be chairman of this board.

(B) All churches or missions applying for membership in this body will be investigated by this board before the vote can be taken. This board shall have the right to investigate any church or mission belonging to this association concerning their doctrinal views. Matters submitted to this board should be in writing and signed.

Section 2. The Trustee Board shall consist of five members, each elected to five year terms on a staggered basis. This board

shall oversee any assets owned by this association. They are authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of this association but only after such approval has been granted from this assembly by majority vote while in session.

Section 3. The Ordaining Council shall consist of five ministers in good standing, elected to five year terms on a staggered basis. They shall investigate and question prospective candidates for licensing or ordination as they deem necessary and as outlined by other regulations adopted by this assembly. No candidate for licensing or ordination may come to this body for a vote until the recommendation of this council has been submitted.

Section 4. The Mission Board shall consist of five members in good standing, having a zeal for missions. They shall have the general oversight of all missions supported by this assembly as outlined in the constitution of the Mission Board. The board shall submit a report of activities to this body during each session.

Section 5. The Christian Education Board shall have the general responsibility of all christian education endeavors of this association as outlined in the constitution of this board. The board shall submit a report of activities to this assembly during each session.

Section 6. The Digest Committee shall consist of three members in good standing, elected to three year terms on a staggered basis. They shall compile the information from the church letters and submit a report to this assembly during each session.

Section 7. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members in good standing, elected for a term of one year from the floor. They shall submit their recommended nominees for all officers, board, and committee members with expired terms, to the October session. They should contact each nominee, if possible, for their approval prior to placing their names in nomination. Additional nominees may be submitted by any delegate during this session.

Section 8. Temporary committees (Resolutions, Finance, etc.) may be appointed as needed during any session to carry on the business or to address any prevailing subject of the current times as may be determined by this body.

### ARTICLE V

Section 1. This Association shall meet on the Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October of each year. Meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each member church or mission to represent themselves by letter and delegates and to report their standings and statistics. All matters requiring the attention of a committee, board of ordaining council should be in writing and submitted to the clerk.

Section 3. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws, not consistent with constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of this assembly.

Section 4. This Association shall act upon such questions and topics referred to it by its member churches and transact any other business not repugnant to this constitution or to the practices of the denomination.

Section 5. (A) The Executive Board shall be the Program Committee and shall be responsible for the speakers and program outline. (B) The member churches normally rotate alphabetically in hosting this Association but may ask to be excused for cause.

Section 6. The parliamentary procedures employed in this meeting shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

#### ARTICLE VI

Section 1. This constitution and by-laws shall not be changed or altered except by two-thirds majority of all members present at a regular session. All proposed amendments shall be in writing and shall be read in open session during the morning, then tabled until afternoon. The amendment can then be removed from table, read again, and acted upon.

Section 2. No action concerning changes of this constitution or by-laws can be taken until all committees are present.

#### BY-LAWS (Revised 1985, 10/87)

1. Any member, in the judgement of this association, that shows anger in discussing any subject, shall forfeit their seat in that session.
2. No member shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.
3. In the absence of the appointed speaker for devotions and messages of each session, the moderator shall appoint said individual. Also in the absence of moderator and assistant moderator, the clerk shall call session to order and elect moderator pro-tem for that session.
4. All ministers on roll shall attend at least two meetings a year or send a letter or oral message explaining their absence in order to remain in good standing with this association. Ministers on honor roll are exempt from this requirement.
5. The minutes of the association shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.
6. The association shall always adjourn by vote and prayer.
7. There shall be a finance committee chosen to work with treasurer, and report to the association.
8. The association shall always open and closed with prayer and praise of God

9. The executive board shall be in charge of disbursement of the retirement fund for retired ministers.
10. Excess funds from this association, after all expenses have been paid and a reasonable balance maintained, shall be distributed equally between the Georgia Union and Christian Education Boards.
11. Each church or mission shall furnish the clerk of the association with three copies of their letter at the October session.

## RULES FOR LICENSING OF MINISTERS

(Revised 1977, 10/81, 10/87)

1. Applicant must be a member of church recommending him, and if applicant is coming from another denomination or association, he shall be a member of church recommending him for not less than three (3) months from date receiving letter stating he is in good standing with church, denomination and association he is leaving.

2. Applicant shall be examined and asked the questions from the Standard and Doctrinal Examination for licensing and ordaining Free Will Baptist ministers in Georgia by the ordaining council duly elected by the association.

3. Approved license shall carry the names of the Pastor and Clerk of the church issuing the license.

4. Applicant shall meet the qualifications as laid down in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, measure up to standards of the treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant of which have adopted by this body.

5. No applicant for license to the ministry will be eligible for license if he or his wife has more than one living husband or wife.

6. Upon receipt of a ministers license, which is renewable annually, it is recommended that each licensee complete the following items which is to be considered a part of the examining criteria as indicated in paragraph 2:

A. Read, The Preacher and His Preaching and Faith for Today by O'Donnell provided by the association.

B. Read, A Treatise of Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists...with current revisions.

C. Be prepared to discuss personal habits and concern for:

1. Church and Personal Visitation
2. Soul Winning efforts and results
3. Personal Bible Study
4. Sermon Preparation.

7. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting at a regular session of the Georgia Union Association.

## RULES FOR CALLING PASTORS

(Revised 1980)

1. Each church should familiarize themselves with the rules for licensing of ministers and ask the candidate the same questions even though he may or may not be coming for license. If a member of another association, the pastor should indicate he is in good standing. The degree of investigation of the candidate is left to the church's discretion. Each church should be mindful that the standards of this association are for the good of the body.

2. No pastor of a church or mission in this association can hold license or ordination papers from another denomination and be in good standing with this body. All other license or ordination papers must be turned over to this association and the clerk may destroy them or return to the denomination from whom they were issued.

3. All ministers desiring to transfer or join this association shall:

A. Be recommended to this association in writing by one of our member churches or missions. The completed ordaining questionnaire shall be submitted with the recommendation on all candidates, (except ordained ministers transferring from Georgia Free Will Baptist Associations) whether for licensing or ordination. The questionnaires may be obtained from members of the ordaining council or clerk of the association.

B. The candidate shall meet with the ordaining council. No candidate for membership in this association may come to this body for a vote until the recommendation of the ordaining council is submitted.

C. If there are any questions concerning the candidate doctrine or character, the association may open the examination to the majority present at the association. The church recommending the candidate, or any member present, should make known any questions that should be considered.

D. Transferring ministers shall be under the watchcare of this body until a letter of good standing is received from his previous association.

E. It is the responsibility of the church or mission calling a pastor to inform him of the requirements of this association.

Any church or mission petitioning this association for membership shall be investigated by the Executive Board before the vote can be taken.

RULES FOR ORDINATION OF MINISTERS  
(Revised 1960, Addition 1977, Addition 1978. 1/81)

1. Applicant shall bear license for not less than one year and shall be recommended to the quarterly association by the church of which he is a member.

2. Be called to one or more churches, except that evidence be shown whereas the applicant can be useful in evangelistic work.

3. Applicant shall be examined by the ordaining council, who having been duly elected by the association to which they hold membership. Examination shall be held at the discretion of the ordaining council.

4. Applicant shall meet the qualification as laid down in the scripture of the Old and New Testaments. Measure up to the Standards of Free Will Baptists and our church covenant, of which have been adopted by this body.

5. No applicant for ordaining into the ministry will be eligible for ordination if he or his wife has more than one living husband or wife.

6. The ordaining council should submit a minority report on all recommendations that are not unanimous.

7. These rules may be changed and re-written only by two-third (2/3) majority of those voting for a change, by the Georgia Union Association. The same shall be carried in the minutes of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GEORGIA UNION MISSION BOARD  
(Adopted 1975, Revised 1979, 7/81, 10/87)

PREAMBLE

We, the Georgia Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptists, do ordain this Constitution and By-Laws for the purpose of promoting all missions endeavors of the Georgia Union Association.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Georgia Union Board of Missions of the Original Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERS: This Board shall be composed of five (5) members. (Members to be elected for a two (2) years period alternation by electing two (2) one year and three (3) the next year so as not to have all new board at any time). Each member must be a member in good standing with the Church that is a member in good standing with the Georgia Union Association. If any member is employed by the board or is called to work with or pastor a Mission or Mission-Church supported by the board he will make this known to this Association and relinquish his position on the Mission Board. Members elected at the discretion of the Association.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS: Officers of this board shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer elected annually.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS: This board shall hold four (4) regular meetings each year, to be decided by the board and meetings when necessary to be called by the Chairman.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES: Committees shall be appointed by the board or its Chairman as needs arise which would demand the work of a Committee.

ARTICLE VI

REPORTS: Section 1. This board should report annually to the Georgia Union Association, giving account of all funds received and disbursed and activities of the board during this year and state the objectives and future plans for the following year.

Section 2. The Secretary and Treasurer serving the mission board shall submit written reports to the board members as often as the board may deem it necessary. Also, that reports be submitted through our state publications as often as may be deemed necessary by the board.



## ARTICLE VII

FINANCE: This board shall be supported by special offerings, Church, and personal gifts.

## ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. Missions: (A) Missions receiving help from this board must either be established or accepted by this board.

(B) This board shall have authority over said mission in all matters in regard to calling a Pastor and overseeing the mission work until such mission becomes a Church.

1. The board reserves the right, in consultation with the Mission, to regulate and reconcile the financial disbursements of any and all of the mission churches under its sponsorship with a view to helping these groups to remain financially solvent.

2. Neither the mission church nor the missionary shall incur any major indebtedness requiring monthly payments involving the work other than ordinary accounts, such as utilities, church supplies (Literature, cleaning supplies, etc.) without written consent of the board.

3. Neither the mission church nor the missionary shall involve themselves in site location or land purchase until the board has first been notified of such intentions and has inspected and approved the proposed site or land purchase.

4. Any real estate of whatsoever type or style available and to be purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise contracted for must first be approved by the board. If any transaction be made, it must be by and in the name of the board, with any contingent title, deed, or lease agreement to be made in favor of the board and to be retained by the board.

5. Land purchases authorized by the board and made in the name of the board shall be financed in a manner approved by the board. Any appeals for funds with which to make such purchase shall be under the auspices and in the name of the board for and in behalf of the mission church.

6. Title to any real property purchased for a mission church under the sponsorship of the board shall be retained by the board until such time as the mission church is organized into a bona-fide Free Will Baptist Church and is operating on a self-sustaining basis. At that time title will be transferred to the church, said title to contain a reversion clause as follows:

If \_\_\_\_\_ Free Will Baptist Church, located at \_\_\_\_\_ ever ceases for any reason(s) whatsoever to operate and function as a Free Will Baptist Church or pull themselves out of the Georgia Union Association, this property with all the appurtenances thereto affixed and belonging, shall revert to

the Board of Missions of the Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

All missions must comply with Section 1, Article VIII, Sub-section A, and signed by the pastor and clerk: We agree to abide by these guidelines.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mission Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Clerk

(C) In so much as responsive assistance and supervision both to the mission and from association is essential for successful mission work, the following counties shall be designated as the home missions field for this mission board: Bibb, Peach, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Laurens, Bleckley, Houston, Macon, Dooly, Pulaski, Dodge, Wheeler, Telfair, Wilcox and Crisp.

Section 2. CHURCHES: (A) Any Church receiving financial aid must accept such on conditions agreed upon by the board and the Church.

(B) Any Church finding itself unable to operate as such, may request mission status, or mission church status.

## ARTICLE IX

Section 1. STATUS: When the congregation has reached a stage where they desire to organize into a church, it shall request said status upon completion of an examination by the Georgia Union Association Executive Board using guidelines as set forth by the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for mission churches.

## BY-LAWS

### DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. CHAIRMAN: He shall preside over each meeting, preserve order, govern the body accordingly to established parliamentary usage, and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have the right to call meetings when it is necessary and where.

Section II. VICE CHAIRMAN: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to serve in the full capacity of the Chairman when the Chairman is absent.



Section III. SECRETARY AND TREASURER: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions and board meetings and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office, send out a report of the work of the board as often as the board requires. All funds shall be held and disbursed by the Treasurer at the approval of the board.

Section IV. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: The Chairman shall be exofficio member of all committees.

#### ARTICLE I

Voting is restricted to members or their proxies.

QUORUM: Three (3) members will compose a quorum.

#### ARTICLE II

AMENDMENTS: This constitution and by-laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the membership of the Georgia Union Association while in session.

## CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS of THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD (Revised 1/82)

#### ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this board shall be the Christian Education Board of the Georgia Union Association.

Section 2: The purpose of this board shall be to promote and execute all phases of Christian Education as set forth in this Constitution and as may be delegated to the board by the Georgia Union Association.

#### ARTICLE II: MEMBERS

Section 1: This board shall consist of seven members. Four of which may serve to be a quorum. Three or four shall be laymen.

Section 2: A board member may serve for either two or three years depending on when elected. The first year of the cycle the terms of two shall expire, the second year the terms of two more shall expire, and the third year the terms of three shall expire. The cycle will then be repeated.

Section 3: Each member of this board shall be elected by the Georgia Union Association.

Section 4: Each member of this board shall show an interest in promoting Christian Education. He shall attend as many meetings as possible and as many functions sponsored by this board as is possible. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the board and a replacement sought immediately.

Section 5: This board shall be responsible for election of its own officers and directors for each of its activities.

#### ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this board shall be a chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary/treasurer to be elected annually by the board.

Section 2: The duties of the officers shall be: (A) The chairman shall preside over each meeting according to established parliamentary procedures and appoint all committees. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. (B) The vice-chairman shall serve in the full capacity of the chairman when the chairman is unable to serve. (C) The secretary/treasurer shall keep the minutes of board meetings, notes of other activities and is responsible for receiving and disbursing all finances as directed by this board. He shall also make the reports as outlined in Article V.

#### ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1: This board shall meet often enough to see that its work is carried out effectively.

Section 2: The board chairman may call special meetings when necessary.

#### ARTICLE V: REPORTS

This board shall present a written report at each session of the association, outlining the board's immediate activities and future plans.

#### ARTICLE VI: FINANCES

This board shall be supported by the quota of finances allotted to it by the Georgia Union Association, gifts from churches, registration fees from workshops, etc. and personal gifts.

#### ARTICLE VII: ACTIVITIES

Section 1: This board shall sponsor the Sunday School Convention the 2nd. Saturday of each September. The CTS Convention the fourth Saturday of each April. The Youth For Christ Rally quarterly (February, May, August and November).

Section 2: These activities shall be financed with registration fees, offerings or other feasible means.

Section 3: This board shall sponsor other activities such as retreats, youth camps, workshops, seminars, teacher training courses, etc., at its discretion.

#### BY-LAWS

1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended in any regular session of the Georgia Union Association by a 2/3 majority vote provided that the amendment was tabled in the morning session.

2. Board members shall be reimbursed for their mileage to called meetings, other milages shall be reimbursed at the discretion of the board.

#### OBITUARY

Frank S. Simmons Sr.

Brother Frank S. Simmons Sr. Cordele, Georgia a retired Farmer and owner of Simmons Lime Co. went to be with the Lord March 1987.

A native of Crisp County, Brother Frank was one of the Charter members of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Frank was a man dedicated to serving the Lord whatever he was called. Brother Frank is survived by his wife Bessie R. Simmons, one daughter, three sons, three sisters, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services were held at Hughes and Wright Funeral Home with Rev. Billy Sumner and Pastor Robert Stiles officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace; to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.